

An Offer You Can't Refuse

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Your past now holds the promise of giving you a great future! It may seem strange, but the problem is *never* our past. It is our inability, so far, to reap the hidden blessings our past contains, for it holds the God-given potential of perfectly preparing us to live as more than conquerors in our present and future. How can this be? It will happen in two ways:



1) **First**, we will reap this promise as we finally come into obedience where mercy is concerned and have forgiven all of the ones who have failed us *and* fully received release over all of the ways we have failed God, others and ourselves. By doing so we will have gained a graced ability to give and receive forgiveness at the level everyone needs in order to live in the glorious liberty in present day encounters with the sins of others or of our own doing.

The very fact that we carry pain, anger and shame out of the past proves that we are ill equipped to live in the present and have not grown the spiritual “muscles” needed to move without fear into our future. So long as our past is un-mended by total forgiveness it is secretly screaming at us that God cannot be trusted because He allows people to hurt us in ways we “can’t get over” and that we can’t be loved because we did the “unforgiveable.” This binds all kinds of fears and insecurities inside us as well as the pain of unreleased wrongs.

2) **Second**, we will reap this promise as we learn to fully believe Romans 8:28 over everything that has ever happened to us in the past. By this we gain the ability to believe it over our present and future troubles—of which there are sure to be plenty. Unbelief over the past binds us to unbelief in the present and keeps us from living that life of faith and grace which is entirely dependent upon God fulfilling His promises to us.

Our confidence in Him is what releases us to live in childlike simplicity of trust in the present, knowing that whatever He allows, He is always ultimately working it for our good and His glory. So there is never a reason to fear the future once we have become free of the past.

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